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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : HIDEYO OSANAI ET AL. Confirmation No.: 6453
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2005, having a statutory period for response set to expire January 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.